



# SC Annual School District Report Card Summary

Fort Mill School District

Grades: PK-12

Enrollment: 10,265

Superintendent: Dr. James N. Epps, Jr

Board Chair: Patrick White

## PERFORMANCE

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YEAR	ABSOLUTE RATING	GROWTH RATING	PALMETTO GOLD AND SILVER AWARD		AYP STATUS	NCLB IMPROVEMENT STATUS
			General Performance	Closing the Gap		
2011	Excellent	Good	N/A	N/A	Not Met	N/A
2010	Excellent	Excellent	N/A	N/A	Not Met	N/A
2009	Excellent	Good	N/A	N/A	Not Met	N/A

## ABSOLUTE RATINGS OF DISTRICTS WITH STUDENTS LIKE OURS\*

EXCELLENT	GOOD	AVERAGE	BELOW AVERAGE	AT-RISK
1	0	0	0	0

\* Ratings are calculated with data available by 11/09/2011. Districts with Students Like Ours are Districts with Poverty Indices of no more than 5% above or below the index for this district.

## PASS

PASS	2011 Reading	2011 Math	2011 Science	2011 Social Studies	2011 Writing
	% Met or above	% Met or above	% Met or above	% Met or above	% Met or above
District	87.9%	88.3%	87.2%	89.4%	89.1%
Districts with Students Like Ours**	87.9%	88.3%	87.2%	89.4%	89.1%
Average District	74.3%	73.6%	69.0%	73.0%	73.1%

PASS	2011 Reading	2011 Math	2011 Science	2011 Social Studies	2011 Writing
	% Exemplary	% Exemplary	% Exemplary	% Exemplary	% Exemplary
District	60.6%	54.0%	42.2%	58.7%	55.2%
Districts with Students Like Ours**	60.6%	54.0%	42.2%	58.7%	55.2%
Average District	40.4%	35.5%	23.3%	33.3%	33.7%

## HSAP

HSAP: 2nd Year Students	Passed 2 Subtests (%)	Passed 1 Subtest (%)	Passed No Subtests (%)
District	94.3%	3.9%	1.8%
Districts with Students Like Ours**	94.3%	3.9%	1.8%

## HSAP Passage Rate by Spring 2011 (%)

District	99.2%
Districts with Students Like Ours**	99.2%

## End of Course Test Passage Rate (%)

District	87.1%
Districts with Students Like Ours**	87.1%

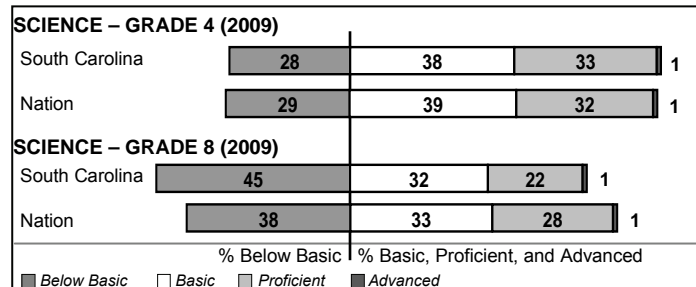
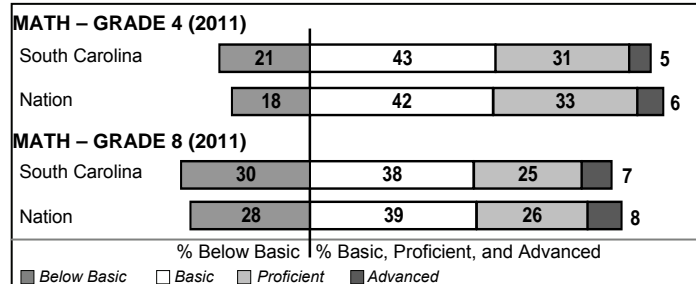
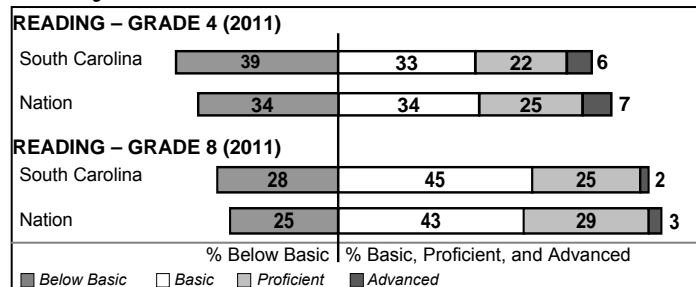
## On-Time Graduation Rate (%)

District	91.2%
Districts with Students Like Ours**	91.2%

\*\* Districts with Students Like Ours are districts with Poverty Indices of no more than 5% above or below the index for this district.

## NAEP\*

\* Performance reported for SC and nation, data not available at school level. Percentages at NAEP Achievement Levels.



## SC PERFORMANCE VISION

By 2020 all students will graduate with the knowledge and skills necessary to compete successfully in the global economy, participate in a democratic society and contribute positively as members of families and communities.

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## DISTRICT PROFILE

	Our District	Change from Last Year	Districts with Students Like Ours	Median District
<b>Students (n=10,265)</b>				
Retention rate	0.9%	Up from 0.8%	0.9%	2.3%
Attendance rate	96.1%	Up from 95.9%	96.1%	95.8%
Served by gifted and talented program	31.2%	Up from 29.1%	31.2%	14.0%
With disabilities other than speech	4.6%	Down from 7.2%	4.6%	7.4%
Older than usual for grade	1.1%	Down from 1.3%	1.1%	3.0%
Out-of-school suspensions or expulsions for violent and/or criminal offenses	0.2%	No Change	0.2%	0.5%
Enrolled in AP/IB programs	27.8%	Up from 21.4%	27.8%	12.2%
Successful on AP/IB exams	82.7%	Up from 77.7%	82.7%	52.9%
Eligible for LIFE Scholarship	39.5%	Down from 64.0%	39.5%	30.3%
Enrolled in adult education GED or diploma programs	14	Up from 12	14	66
Completions in adult education GED or diploma programs	13	Up from 12	13	35
Annual dropout rate	1.3%	Up from 1.1%	1.3%	2.8%
<b>Teachers (n=661)</b>				
Teachers with advanced degrees	66.6%	Up from 62.9%	66.6%	61.2%
Continuing contract teachers	90.2%	Up from 87.2%	90.2%	85.6%
Teachers returning from previous year	94.3%	Up from 94.2%	94.3%	90.3%
Teacher attendance rate	95.5%	Up from 94.5%	95.5%	95.2%
Average teacher salary*	\$50,285	Down 1.8%	\$50,285	\$46,166
Vacancies for more than nine weeks	0.0%	No Change	0.0%	0.0%
Classes not taught by highly qualified teachers	0.4%	Down from 2.3%	0.4%	2.0%
Professional development days/teacher	10.9 days	Up from 9.9 days	10.9 days	12.2 days
<b>District</b>				
Superintendent's years at district	2.0	Down from 5.0	2.0	3.0
Student-teacher ratio in core subjects	21.7 to 1	No Change	21.7 to 1	21.7 to 1
Prime instructional time	90.5%	Up from 89.5%	90.5%	90.1%
Dollars spent per pupil**	\$8,271	Down 4.3%	\$8,271	\$9,140
Percent of expenditures for teacher salaries**	60.4%	Up from 59.7%	60.4%	53.5%
Percent of expenditures for instruction**	62.0%	Up from 61.5%	62.0%	56.5%
Opportunities in the arts	Excellent	No Change	Excellent	Excellent
Number of schools	12	No Change	12	9
Portable classrooms	0.2%	Down from 0.9%	0.2%	1.4%
Number of schools with SACS accreditation	12.0	No Change	12.0	8.0
Parents attending conferences	95.3%	Down from 99.2%	95.3%	96.6%
Average administrator salary	\$89,301	Down 0.4%	\$89,301	\$78,000
Number of charter schools	0	No Change	0	0
% of AYP objectives met	93.9%		93.9%	93.1%

\* Length of contract = 185+ days.

\*\* Prior year audited financial data available.

## RESIDENTIAL TREATMENT FACILITIES STUDENT PERFORMANCE

	PASS	HSAP	End-of-Course Tests
Passage Rate	N/A	N/A	N/A

## CHARTER SCHOOLS IN DISTRICT

School Name	Absolute Rating	Growth Rating	Adequate Yearly Progress
There are no charter schools in this district.			

## REPORT OF SUPERINTENDENT

In spite of budget reductions of 47 positions and the implementation of staff furloughs during the 2010-2011 school year, the Fort Mill School District continued to provide outstanding educational opportunities to the students of the district.

School districts in South Carolina operated during the 2010-2011 year at funding levels equivalent to those of the late 1990's. In total, \$2.5 million was cut from the previous year's budget. The cuts were addressed through reductions in staff, travel, equipment budgets, and employee furloughs. In addition, the district began the year with over 400 new students than the previous year.

In spite of the challenges associated with the decreases in funding and increases in student enrollment, the district received an Excellent rating on the state report card. This rating is based primarily on gains in student achievement as measured by state and national tests. The District received full accreditation for a five year term from the AdvanceEd Accreditation Commission on September 29, 2010. Individual and school awards were too numerous to mention, but the following deserve recognition: The Nation Ford High School Band won the state AAA marching championship and also were selected to appear in the Macy's Thanksgiving Parade in November, 2011; the Fort Mill High Boys Swim Team were state champions; Brian Peterson of NFHS and Sam VanBuskirk of FMHS were state champion swimmers; the FMHS Girls Cross Country Team were state champions; the NFHS Girls Volleyball Team were state champions; Kevin Ketner of NFHS was state cross country champion; FMHS wrestler Nick Sinicrope and NFHS wrestler Stewart Snodgrass were state champions; A. J. Leitten was a national wrestling champion; the FMHS Lacrosse Team were state champions; the NFHS Women's Softball Team were state champions; and the Archery Team at Springfield Middle School were state champions for the second consecutive year.

Even though we face additional financial issues as we go forward, the School Board, the administration, the teachers and staff pledge to continue to provide a quality educational program to our constituents. In fact, we developed a three-year spending plan to prepare for future obligations, including the opening of the elementary school in the Tega Cay area. As always, we will focus our resources at the classroom level. Thank you for your past support and the district looks forward to continue to work with our community in ensuring that we adhere to the motto of, "Children First."

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